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TAGS: CASC (YODER, DELILAH AND HERSCHBERGER, JAMES)

SUBJECT: W/W: DELILAH YODER, 9/30/48, PA., AND JAMES  
HERSCHBERGER, 2/23/49, INDIANA.

REF: QUITO 7500 NOTAL

1. DELILAH YODER AND JAMES HERSCHBERGER LEFT U.S. LATE  
JANUARY/EARLY FEBRUARY FOR PROPOSED ONE YEAR BACKPACKING/  
HIKING TOUR CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA. THEY DISAPPEARED  
IN ECUADOR IN MAY AND NO TRACE HAS BEEN FOUND OF THEM.  
FAMILY HAVE HIRED PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS WHO HAVE GONE TO  
ECUADOR AND FROM THERE HAVE BEEN LED TO MONTREAL AND FRANCE.  
PERSON LAST KNOWN TO HAVE SEEN YODER AND HERSCHBERGER IS  
AN ECUADORIAN, MARCELOCARRION WHO APPARENTLY ENJOYS  
MEETING TRAVELING AMERICANS AND WHO OFFERED JAMES AND  
DELILAH HOSPITALITY AT HIS PROPERTIES LOCATED IN REMOTE  
AREAS ECUADOR. INVESTIGATOR FOULND THROUGH AN INDIAN  
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GUIDE IN ECUADOR THAT COUPLE MAY HAVE BEEN SEEN AND GUIDED

IN JUNGLE BY FRENCH NATIONAL, MAZIMO UOMBONO.

2. UOMBONO PRESENTLY IS BELIEVED TO BE IN MONTREAL, RESIDING AT 5937 SAINT-DENIS. WHEN INTERVIEWED (ON TAPE) UOMBONO APPEARED NERVOUS, DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF YODER AND HERSCHBERGER AND DENIED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MARCELOCARRION. HE PRESENTED STORY DIFFERING IN SOME RESPECTS FROM

INFORMATION HE SENT TO FRIEND AND FORMER EMPLOYER, MR. WASSEROLE, IN GRENOBLE. ADDITIONALLY "STRESS ANALYSIS" OF UOMBONO DONE ON TAPE OF INTERVIEW INDICATING THAT HE WAS UNDER GREAT STRESS WHILE BEING INTERVIEWED AND POSSIBLY WAS LYING OR CONCEALING INFORMATION.

3. FAMILY APPROACHED INSPECTOR MERVYN G. MACKEEL, LIAISON OFFICE, RCMP, WASHINGTON TO REQUEST THAT RCMP INTERVIEW UOMBONO IN MONTREAL AFTER BEING INFORMED OF COMPLETE BACKGROUND OF CASE. MACKEEL APPEARED SYMPATHETIC BUT UNABLE INITIATE ACTION WITHOUT OFFICIAL REQUEST. FAMILY HAS BEEN IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH INTERPOL WHO STATE UNABLE REQUEST RCMP ACTION WITHOUT REQUEST FROM ANOTHER POLICE FORCE. FBI UNABLE ACT AS NO ACTIVITY CRIMINAL IN U.S. REPEAT U.S. INDICATED IN CASE. ECUADORIAN POLICE SOMEWHAT UNCOOPERATIVE POSSIBLY DUE TO INFLUENCE OF CARRION'S WIFE'S UNCLE WHO IS GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL IN ECUADOR. INSPECTOR MACKEEL INDICATED THAT RCMP ACTION MIGHT BE POSSIBLE IF U.S. CONSULATE EXPRESSED U.S. G. INTERESTED IN CASE AND IF CONSUL INFORMALLY INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER RCMP HAD OR COULD OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT PROVE HELPFUL IN DETERMINING FATE OF YODER AND HERSCHBERGER.

4. DR. OMAR YODER, A SCIENTIST EMPLOYED AT NIH, STATIONED IN BELGIUM, BUT PRESENTLY IN WASHINGTON FOR A MONTH, IS THE BROTHER OF DELILAH YODER. HE IS VERY WELL INFORMED ON ALL DETAILS DEVELOPED INCLUDING SOME SUSPECTED INVOLVEMENT WITH LEFT WING ORGANIZATIONS IN AMSTERDAM AND ECUDOR BY UOMBONO AND A FRIEND OF HIS. DR. YODER GAVE COPIES OF INVESTIGATORS' INTERVIEWS WITH UOMBONO AND HIS FORMER EMPLOYER TO DEPARTMENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COPIES BEING POUCHED ADDRESSEE POSTS FOR BACKGROUND. DR. YODER WILLING TRAVEL TO MONTREAL OR OTTAWA TO GIVE FULL DETAILS AND BACKGROUND BRIEFING TO RCMP BEFORE ANY INTERVIEW OF UOMBONO, IF RCMP REPEAT RCMP OR POSTS BELIEVE USEFUL PURPOSE SERVED THEREBY. NOTIFY DEPARTMENT IF YODER PRESENCE DESIRED. HE IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT WHOEVER TALKS WITH UOMBONO BE COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH CASE SO THAT IRREGULARITIES CAN BE DETECTED AND

FOLLOWED UP. FAMILY ALSO CONCERNED THAT ANY ACTION PLANNED BE TAKEN QUICKLY AS THEY BELIEVE THAT UOMBONO PLANNING LEAVE MONTREAL FOR ECUADOR END NOVEMBER/EARLY DECEMBER. AS ECUADORIAN POLICE INEFFECTIVE IN PAST FAMILY HOLD LITTLE HOPE THAT ANY INFORMATION UOMBONO PROVIDES WILL BE ACTED UPON BY ECUADORIAN AUTHORITIES. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES, HOWEVER, ANY INFO RCMP CAN DEVELOP WOULD BE USEFUL TO DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY QUITO TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR, IF NECESSARY, TO INDUCE ECUADORIAN

AUTHORITIES TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION. FAMILY STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT UOMBONO EITHER KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO YODER AND HERSCHBERGER OR ELSE CAN PROVIDE NAME OF SOMEONE WHO DOES.

5. POSTS REQUESTED INFORMALLY DISCUSS CASE WITH RCMP AS APPROPRIATE AND REQUEST ANY INFORMATION THAT THEY CAN PROVIDE.

6. FOR QUITO: COPIES OF CABLE TRAFFIC BETWEEN DEPT. AND QUITO BEING POUCHED MONTREAL, OTTAWA. IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH YOU BELIEVE WOULD BE USEFUL PLEASE TELEGRAPH AIRPOUCH AS APPROPRIATE TO MONTREAL/OTTAWA SOONEST.

7. REPORT RESULTS AND REACTIONS TO DEPARTMENT ASAP. KISSINGER

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